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The Great Assassin Puzzle

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SQUARE Editor Ed Butler has unique qualifications for cutting through the Gordian knot of confusion surrounding the Great Assassin Puzzle. He actually confronted Lee Harvey Oswald 93 days before the tragedy on a radio panel discussion. It was preserved as a hi-fi record and is advertised elsewhere in this issue.

Like Oswald, Butler was born in New Orleans. Like Kennedy, he is Irish-Catholic. And his great grandfather, Charles A. Butler, was a controversial New Orleans District Attorney like Jim Garrison. Moreover, Butler has locked horns with several of the so-called assassination "experts".

He twice confronted and challenged Mark Lane to debate, but Lane demurred.

Herold Weisberg accepted Butler's challenge. They debated *The Case on the syndicated Joe Pyle radio show earlier this year, with disastrous results for Weisberg, and a sometimes hilarious pay-off for the audience.*

In this article Butler recounts an incredible story. It is based on solid physical evidence: documents, voluminous clipping files, photocopies, and thousands of feet of magnetic tape, containing not only Oswald's own voice, but the statements of Garrison, Lane, Weisberg and scores of other individuals whose lives became entangled with "The Case".

While this article was being researched and written, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was murdered and riots reigned in the aftermath. The turmoil was followed by the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy and the empanelling of a new "Presidential Commission on Violence" with a much broader mandate than the Warren Commission and Kerner Commission. For the first time the phenomena of mass violence: riots, assassinations, sabotage can be examined as a whole.

This new Commission also has evidence that the Warren Commission lacked, and some of those facts will be revealed for the first time in this article.

Butler's forecasts have been uncannily accurate in the past.

In 1964 Butler's speech "The Invisible Invasion" was inserted in the Congressional RECORD by Congressmen Hale Boggs. It stated "Americans like Oswald will annihilate America tomorrow unless we get the point: A propaganda attack is the most dangerous attack of all because it captures minds that have the power to pull triggers and press buttons." The speech quoted the Cuban broadcasts by Negro "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" founder Robert F. Williams, and concluded "These venomous attacks on the President of the United States, on the so-called 'racist FBI,' on responsible Negro leaders, are heard in the United States — in New York, in Harlem, even in Houston. Make no mistake about it, they are having their effect."

Since then Butler has been rallying Americans to the revolutionary challenge that awaits them in order to extend progress as peacefully as possible.

That is what this article is designed to help achieve.

Alan Bock

—Assistant Editor

THE GREAT ASSASSIN PUZZLE

By Ed Butler

With the finality of a falling meat cleaver the murder of Robert F. Kennedy has sheared away the last of this nation's complacency. Americans are face-to-face with the World Revolutionary War which is entering its climatic phase.

Hard questions must be asked and answered. Now.

Is there a connection between the assassinations, riots and varied violence that have ripped America? Is there a central key to solving the Great Assassin Puzzle, and can the average American arrive at the truth with the evidence now available?

For example, the corpses of the Czar and his children paved the Communist's path to power in Russia.

In Mexico City during 1940 Leon Trotsky, Stalin's arch rival, was bludgeoned to death by a silent assassin named Ramon Mercader del Rio who served 20 years for the crime, and now operates a terrorist training school in Prague.

In Czechoslovakia the renowned Jan Masaryk was suicided by Communists, and the facts are finally beginning to emerge, amid blistering denials and threats by the Soviets. In Columbia S.A., Castro was involved in the assassination of a Liberal leader named Jorge Galan, which served to trigger an explosive riot known as the Bogatazo, and split the nation into warring factions for a decade and a half.

In Vietnam over 15,000 officials have been murdered by the Communist V.C. History proves Communists kill to get ahead, routinely. The past is littered with the battered bodies of men, women and children who somehow got in the way of the Communists establishing paradise on earth.

If the Kennedy and King murders were political killings, the logical place to look for the causative agency is the Communist Movement. But the next question that arises is how the Communists could have caused the killings, if indeed, they did.

MURDER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

One of the most terrifying official documents ever published by the U.S. Senate bears the title "Murder International Inc. — Murder and Kidnapping as an Instrument of Soviet Policy."

This obscure booklet recounts in clinical detail "The Case of Bogdan Stashynsky, which was tried in the Supreme Court of the Federal Democratic Republic of Germany in Karlsruhe, during the month of October, 1962." Using official court transcripts the document demonstrates that "Stalinism is dead. But individual murderous terrorism still lives on."

Stashynsky was a peasant in the West Ukraine. Caught on a train without a ticket, he was turned over to the KGB and blackmailed into becoming an "automatic assassin." He murdered with a cyanide gas pistol which produced "instant heart at-

tacks." His victims were two anti-Communist refugee leaders named Rebet and Bandera. Stashynsky described how he was taught to use the pistol on dogs, how he took an anti-poison capsule before the murders, and the remorse he felt when he committed them, which led him to confess.

Although I realize many experienced observers consider that Oswald was such a killer, having known him, I do not.

Nowadays there are more sophisticated means for murdering by remote control . . . the killer becomes just another instrument, as mindless and as lethal as a machine gun.

THE TURNED ON TERROR

In an article by Anthony Terry of the London Sunday TIMES datelined BONN, a former Czechoslovak trade minister revealed how Communist specialists had used drugs and mental torture to extract fake confessions which led to mass executions 16 years ago.

Three months were spent in meticulous rehearsal of every word he was to say in court, according to the victim, Dr. Eugene Loeb, who said, "I had a sensation as if a hand had gone through my forehead into my brain. . . ." Loeb's story was corroborated by a former Prague prison doctor, Dr. Radim Rayman, who said the drugs used were mescaline and actibrom.

The mescaline made the subject receptive to rehearsals and the second drug "fixed" the phrases in the subconscious for automatic repetition at the staged trial.

Although many Americans could cast Oswald in such a role, drugs just do not seem a necessary condition for producing the kind of person Oswald was.

Even before the halcyon days of hallucinogenic drugs, killers could be controlled without their conscious knowledge. For example, Stalin's secret police deliberately inflamed an undertaking to shoot Stalin's rival Sergei Kirov, and the assassin died believing it was all his own idea. Finally there is one more way to condition a killer by remote control, but much more about that a little later.

ORDERED OR INCITED?

I bring these bizarre ideas up in

the beginning because I believe mis-interpretation of motive has been a source of confusion for millions.

First, it is true that Communism condones killing for political profit. However, during this period of poly-centrism, it is dangerous to jump all Communist sects together. Some would be much more apt to risk an adventure like assassination than others.

Secondly, in this era of mass media, it is as unwise to assume that the authors of an assassination plot must know who the assassin will be, as it is to believe that the national advertiser must know who his customers will be. All that matters is that someone follows the suggestions and buys . . . or kills.

In short, I believe the most basic mistake we made with the Oswald-Kennedy killing was in asking the question: "Was Oswald ordered to act or did he act alone?" We should have asked: "Was Oswald incited to act, or did the idea develop on its own?"

Is Oswald the key to comprehending the revolutionary epoch? Can the accused assassins of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy — James Earl Ray and Sirhan Bishara Sirhan be compared or contrasted to Oswald?

THE REV. KING MURDER

Even if Ray is found guilty in a trial, it is by no means certain that he will know who operated him. We do know several things:

1) Sixteen Black Power militants were caught red-handed plotting the murder of Roy Wilkins, Whitney M. Young, Jr. and other Negro leaders in order to "seize power in the United States and throughout the world by force," according to a June 22, 1967 A.P. dispatch from New York by Austin Scott. American Negro Communist Robert F. Williams, of Charleston, Havana and Peking, writing in his May, 1967 issue of the CRUSADER Newsletter, called Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. "De Lawd" and warned that King "has revealed himself as the running dog of the White House."

Williams was a founder of the so-called "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" which Oswald headed in New Orleans.

2) Timing is also important. The radicals had been left without the



This plain little book contains the solidly documented evidence of one of the blackest pages in modern political affairs. The Soviet use of political murder as an instrument of terror, with a poison gas pistol, led many to conclude that Oswald was a controlled agent, trained during his three years in the Soviet Union.

of their best grievance issues when President Johnson "abdicated" and announced the opening of peace talks in Vietnam. Suddenly the Summer threatened to become short and cool. King's killing produced instant riots. In Washington where I was at the time, the only thing "spontaneous" about the carefully coordinated burnings was the ingenious declaration that they were "spontaneous." On the contrary, after Oswald killed President Kennedy, no planned uprising took place.

3) The site of a crime can be crucial in promoting fights in the aftermath. For example some Catholics suspected that President Kennedy was killed by a Protestant Klansman. Similarly many Negroes were convinced of a white plot be-

cause of the Memphis locale.

4) The intricate plan of international escape, replete with carefully selected passport bearing close resemblance to Ray, indicated some sophisticated planning and execution. It is known that Communists routinely operate forgery factories to funnel personnel from nation to nation. Did Ray have the mental capacity and technical facilities to execute the escape? And where did he get the money? Oswald left most of his money at home. Ray can perhaps explain in court.

5) It is known that Ray was a reader of the so-called Los Angeles FREE PRESS, one of the Underground Media which pumps weekly advisories about insurrection, along with sex and pseudo-culture, into our national life. He even advertised for women in its classified section. Oswald, of course, was a devotee of Underground Media.

To sum up, Ray was much more competent than Oswald, and the possibility of a closet conspiracy to trigger pre-planned violence is greater. Perhaps the trial will tell.

THE SEN. KENNEDY MURDER

Sirhan B. Sirhan seems to be cut in much the same mold as Oswald according to published reports.

1) Sirhan is a Nasserite just as Oswald was a Castroite. As such he was no doubt exposed to the viciously anti-Semitic propaganda line of the Soviets which Nasser purveys. But did it influence him?

2) Sirhan apparently spent much of his life immersed in propaganda, just as Oswald did.

3) Sirhan is young (23) just as Oswald was (24).

4) Sirhan was probably triggered by a speech. Oswald was too.

5) Cuban exile Jose Duarte claims that he came into conflict with Sirhan at a meeting of the Peace and Freedom Party in Los Angeles where Sirhan defended and glorified Castro. So did Oswald.

6) Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles has made public parts of a notebook which Sirhan allegedly kept, and which contained anti-American and pro-Nasserite statements. There may also be evidence that Sirhan was connected with the W.E.B. Dubois Clubs. Although Yorty has been criticized for making this information

public, we feel he has performed a vital public service in making these facts available. Sirhan's testimony could clear this up.

7) SQUARE reporters have talked to students who went to high school with Sirhan, and report that even then he exhibited vehement political views. Oswald, as we shall see, had similar inclinations.

8) Robert Kennedy's silent endorsement of the FBI, C.I.A., and Warren Commission was living testimony against the assassination critics. As soon as he was out of the way, Mark Lane stated that Kennedy had confided to him that there were guns between him (Kennedy) and the White House. It all seemed strange to those who knew about Lane's past contacts with the Kennedys. Lane admitted his feelings about "Bobby" in an interview in the Morning STAR on September 26, 1966. After being arrested as a "Freedom Rider" in Jackson, Mississippi, Lane called RFK. "When I was running his brother's campaign(), Bobby answered all my phone calls. He did not when I asked for his protection." Lane said in late '66 "That was my last contact with the Kennedy family." Now Lane asks the public to believe Robert Kennedy confided in him. One of Kennedy's closest friends, Frank Mankiewicz, made the central point, that Lane's charge "would be hard to disprove."

It would be. That is why a man is considered innocent, until proven guilty in America. It is far harder to prove guilt (a negative), than to prove innocence (a positive). Try it yourself — Imagine you were accused of the crime, try to prove you didn't conspire to kill Kennedy. It would, of course, be difficult for anyone to prove you did. But easy to say you did, sow suspicion, and force you to try to clear yourself. Jack Ruby cheated Oswald of his day in court, and gave credence to the critics. It is imperative that Sirhan be brought to trial and the entire spectrum of violence be considered by the new Presidential Commission. Until then final judgement should be withheld.

THE PRES. KENNEDY MURDER

Now, nearly five years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, enough pieces of the puzzle are available to produce a clear and

chilling picture of the tragedy. Perhaps the first assassination is the key to understanding the political murders, riots and crimes which followed. At least it seems a logical place to begin.

Several salient questions can be answered with a high degree of certainty today, because the evidence and theories have been tested by the most concentrated criticism ever focussed on one topic.



The document above, edited by Robert F. Williams, a founder of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, which Oswald represented in New Orleans, was published in Havana, Cuba, and mailed into the United States. Showing JFK, RFK and J. Edgar Hoover as racist monkeys, it is but one example of the Castroite line which Oswald upheld. Published in May, 1963, months before President Kennedy's murder, the pamphlet called him "Slick John" and accused him of sitting as motionless as a "heap of dung" while Negroes were murdered.

Here are important areas of exploration:

1. Did Oswald kill President Kennedy?
2. Why? And specifically why did he select the precise time he did?
3. Finally, what lessons can be learned about assassination in general, to prevent violence in the future.

We will try to cover the questions in order.

DID OSWALD DO IT?

What of the assassination critics? Suffice it to say that almost all of their "evidence" and "witnesses" are gleaned from the Warren Report Hearings and Exhibits which the critics are trying to discredit. If the critics are correct, and the Warren Commission is a pack of lies then their own data is worthless.

The very simple fact is that the critics have picked through 10 million words, including 3,154 exhibits and the testimony of 552 witnesses based on 26,550 FBI and Secret Service interviews in order to find a few fragments which could cast doubt. They ask us to imagine a government so fiendishly clever that it could concoct and conceal a plot involving hundreds and perhaps thousands of people, yet so unutterably stupid that it would publish 26 volumes of evidence against itself, and make it available to the clever critics.

THE OPTIONAL OSWALD

If you've thought about Oswald, take this test. What was Oswald like:

- ☐ An environmental casualty, warped by the capitalist system?
 - ☐ A lunatic cleverly concealing his sickness?
 - ☐ A patsy placed in peril by a cabal of oil-rich millionaires, Cubans, G-Men and Neo-Nazis?
 - ☐ A CIA Agent operating for an invisible Government to prohibit progress and seize power?
 - ☐ A prototype of the New Left nihilist: i.e. a communist with a small "c", out to advance revolution?
 - ☐ A combination of two or more of the above?
- Will the real Lee Harvey Oswald please shape up? Remember your choice as you read on.

After nearly five years of trying to explain what Oswald was like to others, I've found a formula. Simply play the records of his voice and let

them hear for themselves what Oswald had to say, then answer questions. Since that is not possible in a published article, I will try to approximate it by quoting what Oswald's friends noticed, what Oswald said himself, verbally and in writing, and lastly some of my own observations about him.

THE WULF TESTIMONY

One of Oswald's boyhood acquaintances, William E. Wulf, testified that after their second meeting Oswald "started expounding the Communist doctrine and saying . . . that Communism was the only way of life for the worker . . . (and) that he was looking for a Communist cell in town to join, but he couldn't find any." Oswald was about 16 years old which casts grave doubt on the idea of Oswald as a CIA agent or "patsy." Wulf explained that his father "heard we were arguing on Communism" and "asked him (Oswald) to leave the house . . ."

THE BOTEIHO TESTIMONY

Another acquaintance, James Anthony Boteiho roomed with Oswald in the Marines from March to September 1959 while they were attached to the Marine Corps Air Facility in Santa Ana, California.

Boteiho stated that "Oswald once mentioned to me that he would like to go to Cuba to train Castro's troops because of the money he would earn."

Boteiho continued: "Oswald subscribed to a newspaper printed in Russian, which I believe he said was published in San Francisco. It was common knowledge that Oswald had taught himself to speak Russian." Said Boteiho "at times Oswald referred, seemingly seriously, to 'American capitalist warmongers'."

Then Boteiho stated "at times I discussed Communism and Russia with Oswald. My impression is that although he believed in pure Marxist theory, he did not believe in the way Communism was practiced by the Russians. I was quite surprised when I learned that Oswald had gone to Russia." After describing Oswald's interest in classical music and chess Boteiho concluded "... Oswald was quite intelligent."

THE DELGADO TESTIMONY

Another of Oswald's Marine Corps buddies was Nelson Delgado who testified extensively before the Warren Commission about Oswald's devotion to Cuba and Castro. A couple of excerpts from the testimony are enlightening:

Mr. Delgado: After a while he (Oswald) told me he was in contact with them. (The Cuban Embassy)

Mr. Liebier: With the Cuban Embassy?

Mr. Delgado: Right. And I took it to be just a — one of his, you know, lies, you know, saying he was in contact with them, until one time I had the opportunity to go into his room I was looking for — I was going out for the weekend, I needed a tie, he lent me the tie, and I seen this envelope in his footlocker, wall-locker, and it was addressed to him, and they had an official seal on it, and as far as I could recollect that was mail from Los Angeles, and he was telling me there was a Cuban Consul. And just after he started receiving these letters — you see, he would never go out, he'd stay near the post all the time. He always had money. That's why." (Vol 8 p. 241)

Liebier pursued Oswald's contact with the Cuban Consulate . . .

"Mr. Delgado, well, like I stated to these FBI men, he had one visitor; after he started receiving letters he had one visitor. It was a man, because I got the call from the MP guard shack and they gave me a call that Oswald had a visitor at the front gate. This man had to be a civilian, otherwise they would have let him in. So I had to find somebody to relieve Oswald, who was on guard, to go down there to visit with this fellow, and they spent about an hour and a half, 2 hours talking, I guess, and he came back. I don't know who the man was or what they talked about, but he looked nonchalant about the whole thing when he came back. He never mentioned who he was, nothing."

Mr. Liebier: How long did he talk to him, do you remember?

Mr. Delgado: About an hour and a half, 2 hours." (Vol 8 p. 242)

Finally, Delgado explained that after Oswald had contacted "these Cuban people, he started getting little pamphlets and newspapers, and he always got a Russian paper . . ."

THE STUCKEY EVIDENCE

The following quote is drawn from an interview Oswald gave reporter William K. Stuckey, which I analyzed

before our debate. It illustrates Oswald's ethical deficiency and his tendency toward tyranny.

OSWALD: "... We do not believe under any circumstances that in supporting our ideals about Cuba, our pro-Castro as you call them, ideals, we do not believe that is inconsistent with believing in democracy, quite to the contrary. We believe that it is a necessity in supporting democracy to support Fidel Castro and his right to make his country any way he wants to." (Emphasis mine. EB.)

At another point Stuckey said that it was not rich landowners who were fleeing Cuba, but poor cane cutters. Oswald's reply revealed the depths of his determination to "help the people" whether they like it or not:

OSWALD: "That is correct, sir. That is very, very true. And I am glad you brought that point up. You know, it used to be that these people worked for the United Fruit Co., The American companies engaged in sugar refinery, oil refinery in Cuba. They worked a few months every year during the cane cutting and sugar cutting, er, sugar refining season. They never owned anything and they feel now that that little bit of right, the right to work for 5 months a year has been taken away from them. They feel that now they have to work all year round, to plant new crops, to make a new economy. And so they feel that they have been robbed. They feel that they have been robbed of the right to do as they please, because of the fact that the government now depends upon its people to build its economy, to industrialize itself. So they figure they have been robbed. But they do not realize that they have been robbed of the right to be exploited, robbed of the right of New Orleans companies to take away what was rightfully theirs. Of course, they have to share now. Everybody gets an equal portion. This is collectivization. And this is very hard on some people. Some people prefer the dog eat dog economy."

THE WDSU EVIDENCE

During my own panel discussion with Oswald on WDSU-radio there was an equally interesting and somewhat humorous exchange which gives an idea of the way Communists justify the secrecy and violence they

employ. Moderator Bill Slatter began the dialogue by asking Oswald:

SLATTER: "How many people do you have in your committee here in New Orleans?"

OSWALD: Er, I cannot reveal that as Secretary for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

BUTLER: Is it a secret society?

OSWALD: Er, no, Mr. Butler, it is not. However it is standard operating procedure for a political organization consisting of a political minority to safeguard the names and numbers of its members.

BUTLER: Well, the Republicans are in the minority. I don't see them hiding their membership.

OSWALD: The Republicans are not a, well, er, the Republicans are an established political party, represent-

It has been said that Oswald was a CIA agent, posing as a Communist. But on October 3, 1956 when he was 16, he wrote the "Socialist Call" stating that he was a "Marxist" and had "been studying socialist principles for over fifteen months." By the time I met him in 1963, he was a dedicated Castro-communist.

ing a great many people. They represent no radical point of view, they do not have a very violent and sometimes emotional opposition, as we do.

BUTLER: Oh, I see. Well, would you say then that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is not a Communist front organization?

OSWALD: The Senate Subcommittee who have occupied themselves with investigating the Fair Play for Cuba Committee have found that there is nothing to connect the two committees. We have been investigated from several points of view, that is points of view of taxes, allegiance, subversion, and so forth. The findings have been as I say absolutely zero.

BUTLER: Well, I have a, the Senate Hearings before me and I think what

I have in front of me refutes precisely every statement that you have just made...."

OSWALD: THE FIRST NEW LEFTIST?

My own confrontation with Oswald confirmed all that his other acquaintances had noticed. He was a sincere, dedicated communist militant, as willing to give his life for his cause, as I am for mine.

As a professional revolutionary I noticed a few points others did not. For one thing Oswald was a New Left precursor. He idolized the Castro-Guevara axis and had little use for Soviet deviationism and "imperialism," which he attacked in the case of Hungary.

Second, Oswald was tactically proficient — he knew his major action slogan was "restoration of diplomatic, trade and tourist relations between the United States and Cuba," and he kept repeating it. He knew how to "narrow" the discussion to "Cuban American relations only," and did it whenever possible to avoid embarrassing issues.

But Oswald was theoretically weak. Marxism a la Cuba was a panacea which he kept vague in order to fit his personal problems as they developed. Oswald's most basic motivation was the fact of his great ambition and desire to do good, coupled with his impatience and feeling of inadequacy in an overcrowded world. He blamed all his failures and frustrations on the "system." There was probably nothing personal in his plan to exterminate President Kennedy, its highest, most glamorous personification.

Far from his act being "senseless" however, Oswald committed the supreme revolutionary act, which produced titanic effects.

Mounting evidence indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated John F. Kennedy in cold blood (A) to trigger revolution in America. (B) to protect Castro in Cuba, and; (C) to make a name for himself in the history books. He succeeded in every objective.

Since 1963, riots, sabotage, arson and murder have ripped the U.S.A., mainly engineered by Castroites molded in Oswald's image.

Castro himself still sits serenely in Cuba and manipulates the revolution in America by remote control. Every literate person in the world

OW Exhibit #1

05/3/1966

DEAR Sirs;
I am often given
of age and would like more
information about your
great hopes, I would
like to know if there
is a book in my area,
how to join, etc., I am
a member, and have been
studying socialist principles
for well over fifteen months
I am very interested in
you.
yours
Sincerely,
Lee Harvey Oswald

(Indicate over)

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Probably knows the name Lee Harvey
Oswald, which is celebrity of a sort.

Oswald, in brief, became a model.
He was one of the first New Leftists.
Unfortunately he was not the last.

According to Anthony Ripley of the
New York TIMES, corroborated by
SQUARE reporters there, the New
Left "Students for a Democratic So-

cietly" has recently explained that its
purpose is revolutionary communism
with a small "c" — non-party,
"Dr. Stefan Passany of the Hoover
institution summed up Oswald suc-

cinctly as "The First New Leftist"
after my testimony about the JFK
assassination at Georgetown Univer-

sity's Hall of Nations, during the
"Trial of International Communism"
earlier this year.

anti-Soviet, anti-American, and pro-
Castro. Just like Oswald.
Why was the startling evidence of
Oswald's New Left orientation under-
played? First the phrase "New Left"
had not been popularized, and the
idea of communism with a small "c"
was esoteric. Second, liberals were
embarrassed by Oswald's left-wing
politics and confused by his anti-
Sovietism. Third, Conservatives so

This is a reduction of a three page letter from the head of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, telling Oswald how
to set up a chapter. Apparently annotated by Oswald — he was interested in getting FPCC literature for resale, it
contains instructions on use of a P.O. Box, and use of first class mail without a full return address. Oswald answered
with a three page reply of his own. It has been repeatedly stated that Oswald headed a paper chapter, and this may
be true. However, there were rumors of FPCC activities at Loyola and Tulane Universities during 1963, and there is
testimony in the Warren Commission about possible FPCC meetings at a former Tulane Professor's home on Pine
street. He moved on to Stanford where Mark Lane lived for a while, but there is no concrete evidence against him
that we know of.

disturbed Earl Warren that they
scored anything with his name on
it. Finally, hot on the heels of the
assassination a cover up campaign
of vast magnitude was launched to
conceal the truth about Oswald.
Thus crucial information which
could change the fate of us all, has
lain neglected, while propagandists
have paraded a truckload of trivia to
confuse and mislead the people.

OSWALD'S ACHIEVEMENT
But for Oswald, Rev. Martin Luther
King Jr., Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and
scores of other Americans might be
alive, in a placid nation, today. Was
Oswald all that important? I think yes.
When he killed Pres. Kennedy, Os-
wald smashed the highest, most
glamorous, most apparently invuln-
erable symbol of national authority in
America. All those who hated the

... I am not a Communist...
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Strangely enough, the American public is largely unaware that Oswald was carrying on a lengthy correspondence with top officials of the Communist Party USA until a few weeks before the murder. Oswald's own feelings seem to have been ambivalent, repelled by the Soviet bureaucracy he had seen, but attracted by all Communists in a pre-revolutionary phase. The letters illustrated are a three page letter of August 28th, 1963 (one week after my confrontation with him on August 21st) and addressed to the Central Committee CPUSA. It contains notations apparently from the late Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, then nominal head of the CPUSA, instructing another leader, Arnold Johnson, to "please reply" and stating that "Fair Play is a broader com".

Oswald begins "Comrades, please advise me on a problem of personal tactics". He goes on to recap his residence in the Soviet Union, and states that he has thrown himself "into the struggle for progress and freedom in the United States". Explaining the problem he encountered on the radio debate he asks "can I continue to fight, handicapped as it were, by my past record, can I still, under these circumstances compete with the anti-progressive forces, aboveground or weather (sic) in your opinion I should always remain in the background, i.e. underground".

Oswald concludes "Here in New Orleans I am secretary of the local branch of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee", a position which, frankly I have used to foster communist ideas.

"On a local radio show, I was attacked by Cuban exile organization representatives for my residence in the Soviet Union.

"I feel I may have compromised the FPCC, so you see that I need the advice of trusted long time fighters for progress. Please advise.

With fraternal greetings
Sincerely,
/s/ Lee H. Oswald
Arnold Johnson replied as above. Despite these contacts I do not believe that Oswald was under CPUSA discipline or controlled by them through hypnosis or drugs. The letters do indicate:
1. His profound sympathy for Communism.
2. The Communists deliberate nurturing of those sympathies, and their plans to establish a relationship: "we will find some way of getting in touch with you..."
3. The absurdity of charges that our government is "Fascist". Nazis would have exploded these bombshells under the party in '63 and wiped it out then, as Hitler did in the Van der Lubbe case (he was the Communist who burned the Reichstag). On the contrary our nation adopted the liberal Weimar attitude and published the evidence in the Hearings, but did not popularize it.
4. Finally, the fact that none of the critics have made much of these significant keys to Oswald's character, and the fact that this is the first national publication outside the very limited edition of 26 volumes, indicates both the objectivity of many of the critics and the scruples of the Establishment media. But there comes a time when all the facts must be exposed to retain balance.

"system" waited to see what would happen to them. When the government emphasized tranquility rather than revenge, and did nothing drastic, they began to openly advocate their oddball views in print. There were genuine flaws in the "system," and since some people will follow anything that yells, all the indices of revolution — crime, riots, arson, sabotage, assassination — began to rise radically. The War in Vietnam was decisive.

At the same time a steady barrage of criticism and innuendo was leveled at those agencies and institutions charged with combatting the rise of violence: the FBI at home, the CIA abroad, and the Presidency. Each bit of confidence subtracted from these bodies meant a net gain for their enemies.

Revolution reached into America.

THE TIME FOR TERROR

Why was Oswald triggered to act when he was? It is necessary to go back to those highly emotional months when the Kennedy vs. Goldwater Presidential campaign was cranking up. It should be remembered that Castro-Communist Cuba was a major election issue.

Kennedy had promised to return the Invasion Prisoners' flag to them "in a free Havana!" Pressure was being put to avenge the Bay of Pigs and insure against another "missile crisis." Castro had called Kennedy a "cretin" and "The Batista of his times," and threatened that if "United States leaders are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe."

Kennedy apparently looked toward internal revolution rather than outside invasion for a solution, and just four days before Dallas he warned the Inter-American Society of Newspaper Editors that "Communism is struggling to subvert and destroy . . . extend its rule to other nations . . ." He stated that the U.S. would "continue to support measures to halt Communist infiltration and subversion." He said that what divided Cuba from the U.S. and its allies in the hemisphere was "... the fact that a small band of conspirators has stripped the Cuban people of their freedom and handed over the independence and sovereignty of the Cuban nation to forces beyond the hemisphere. They have made Cuba a victim

of foreign imperialism, an instrument of the policy of others, a weapon in an effort dictated by external powers to subvert the other American republics. This, and this alone, divides us. As long as this is true, nothing is possible. Once this barrier is removed, we will be ready and anxious to work with the Cuban people . . ."

Kennedy's statements constituted a challenge to the Cuban people to revolt, and seemed to guarantee U.S. support.

The effect of these statements on Oswald is easy to imagine.

Oswald was a Guevara-type Communist, conditioned to kill by constant absorption of hate propaganda and emotional stimuli, just as you and I are conditioned to jam our foot on the brake when a hazard appears, or withdraw our hands from a hot stove. This kind of conditioning transcends conscious thought. Often the subject does not realize his mental processes are being altered, and without a clear understanding of his problem he is pulled through alienation, into hatred of the system, into hatred of the leaders.

Moreover, the process becomes self-sustaining. The individual is gradually addicted to hate propaganda and surrounds himself with it, at his own expense. What might seem an insignificant phrase to the average person assumes great meaning. Meanwhile objective information and media are more and more blocked out. "Lies," "abstractions of the oppressors," and "propaganda" are the terms applied to objective media. The situation becomes very dangerous when the objective media is inhibited about defending itself, and does not expose the situation bluntly. The specter of "McCarthyism" (and all that it connects) has served to suppress objective analysis somewhat. Consequently, kids like Oswald get sucked into self-destruction unaware.

I'll never forget mentioning the word "progressive" near Oswald when he was in conversation with someone else. His head whipped around in a reflex action as if I had shouted "Look Out!" But when he understood that I was abusing the Marxist euphemism his look of interest twisted into a sneer of disgust.

THE ODOR OF THE UNDERGROUND

How was hatred of "the system,"

the technique of murder, and the glorification and justification of violence planted in Oswald's mind? The answer: Underground Media.

Beginning with books, pamphlets, and then newspapers and probably foreign propaganda broadcasts, Oswald was immersed for 9 years in Communist propaganda. He read Das Kapital at 15 and said it made him feel like "a very religious man opening the Bible for the first time." But even before that he was given a pamphlet about the Rosenberg atom spies which gained his sympathy.

During his military career he received Communist pamphlets and newspapers. Later he gave them to me and I noticed he could quote them almost verbatim. During Oswald's time Communist propaganda was relatively hard to come by in this country. Postal and travel restrictions plus anti-subversive laws impeded a great deal of the foreign product, and there were only a few indigenous publications, like THE WORKER, THE GUARDIAN, THE MILITANT. Today the postal and travel restrictions plus the anti-subversive laws are gone. So there are over a

hundred Underground Newspapers and magazines reaching a combined circulation of over one million per week, mainly young people. They have their own "Liberation News Service" with extensive wire facilities, photo and feature syndicates. These publications purvey — not "Communism" — but an aberrant political strain which could be classified "Castro/Fascism."

Of course none of these Underground media say "Go kill so-and-so with a pistol, today." They do alienate their readers, cut them off from previous values, and institutions, "atomizing" the society and facilitating the spread of anarchy. Drug abuse and venereal disease seem to plague their columns. They do relentlessly attack existing institutions and their leaders. And of course they provide helpful hints on how to wage revolutionary war.

There is little question of weighing one fact against another in them. The behavioral sciences have simply been bent to political purposes. Instead of therapy, psychology is used to create social schizophrenia. Oswald, sane by any conventional standards, was a very sick person politically.

In fairness, it should be stated that some among the Underground may be searching for a more realistic posture.

Recent articles in the Los Angeles OPEN CITY by David Lifton and Kerry Thornley, mark the first divergence from doctrinaire analysis of the JFK assassination in the Underground Media. While I'd disagree with many of the points raised by the authors, this dissent is as healthy as it was surprising.

The question is: will the Underground media surface and begin to seek the truth, or remain submerged as a weapon of psychological warfare against their own readers? Time will tell. But optimism should not be permitted to delay other important tasks.

Remote control insanity via mass media is a dramatic phenomenon of the 20th century which deserves intensive study.

Oswald did not live long enough for testing. Hopefully Ray and Shtan will fare better, and the new Commission on Violence will examine them along with more prosaic social schizophrenics.

AVOIDING ASSASSINATIONS

What lessons can we learn from the Kennedy/Oswald assassination to prevent needless bloodshed and violence?

1. Words are weapons. They can be fired around the world faster than any missile. They control minds which have the power to pull triggers and press buttons. Propaganda is powerful and should be taken no more lightly than H-bombs.

2. Censorship and suppression of the Underground Media by government would only convince millions of young Americans that they are truthful, thereby creating catastrophe. Private citizens must assume their responsibility to answer with the facts.

3. Cuba must be liberated by the popular will of its own people as President Kennedy envisioned. As long as one man is a slave the freedom of every man is in jeopardy. It is this great task that all Americans — especially students — must dedicate themselves.

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